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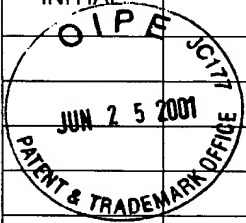
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	A3	KODERA et al., "Optical Fiber Ethernet Data Transmission", 1995 International IEEE/IAS Conference On Industrial Automation And Control: Emerging Technologies, pp. 657-662					

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